

Missouri State Library

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## **FY16 Library Appropriations Bills Signed by Governor**

On Friday, May 8, Governor Nixon signed all 13 budget bills for state government. Contrary to last year, there were no vetoes of any of the items. It is still possible that withholds could be announced, if there are revenue shortfalls in FY16.

Library appropriations for FY16 in HB 12 are considerably less than the FY15 appropriated amounts. Overall library appropriations for FY16 are 52% less than FY15.

State Aid for Public Libraries: FY16 - \$726,773; FY15 - \$3,504,001

The state aid funds will be distributed to all public libraries certified to receive state aid, as per capita payments. No Equalization payments will be made in FY16.

REAL Program: FY16 - \$2 million; FY15 - \$3,109,250

The State Library is working with MOREnet to allocate the \$2 million in funds in support of the REAL Program, with priority given to support of public library internet connections.

Athlete and Entertainer: FY16 - \$800,000; FY15 - \$800,000.

These funds are allocated from the income tax on performances by out of state athletes and entertainers. Funds will be distributed to public libraries that are certified to receive state aid. Libraries will use these funds to support the materials available for use by their communities.

LSTA: FY16 -\$4,125,000; FY15 - \$4,125,000

This appropriation allows the State Library to use the LSTA funds awarded by IMLS through the federal budget. With the inclusion of \$2 million for the REAL Program in the FY16 budget, we should be able to meet both match and maintenance of effort requirements for LSTA for FY16.

The State Library is very interested in hearing how these reductions in appropriations will affect public library service. Please email to [Barbara.Reading@sos.mo.gov](mailto:Barbara.Reading@sos.mo.gov) or call 1-800-325-0131 and ask for Barbara Reading or Debbie Musselman.

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